

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 270

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Donna McConnico on being named a 2017 Woman of Distinction.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Donna McConnico, who has been selected to receive the American Lung Association of Tennessee's 2017 Woman of Distinction Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is given to women in the Chattanooga community who have distinguished themselves and made a difference in the lives of people every day through their professional accomplishments, volunteer service, and philanthropic activities; and

WHEREAS, Donna McConnico is CEO of Signal Centers, a nonprofit organization that serves children and adults with disabilities, provides early childhood education, and trains child care providers statewide; under her inspired leadership, Signal has instituted a summer camp for students with disabilities and Baby University, an initiative to foster optimal early development of babies; and

WHEREAS, an active member of Burks United Methodist Church, Ms. McConnico was recognized as Volunteer of the Year for Youth Theatre by the Chattanooga Theatre Centre in 2014 and 2015 and received the UnBossed and UnBought Award from Girls Inc. in 2014; and

WHEREAS, an avid supporter of her community, she has served as president of the United Way Agency Executives and the Southeast Tennessee Council on Social Welfare and currently serves on the board of the United Way of Greater Chattanooga, READ 20, the Miracle

League, Special Transit Services, and the Ochs Center for Metropolitan Studies and as chair of a committee for Tennessee's Early Childhood Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, a devoted mother, Donna McConnico enjoys the love and support of her daughter, Jamie; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Donna McConnico who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Donna McConnico on being named a 2017 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association of Tennessee and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.